

## LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

THE INDEPENDENT 50 cents per month.

Band concert tonight at the Railroad Depot, Lele.

It was not B. H. Wright who skipped out of the country yesterday, but Treasury Wright.

By the steamer Lehua last evening Dr. Huddy went as a passenger for a few days rest on Molokai.

Last night the Republican Territorial Committee adopted resolutions roundly denouncing Wilcox's leper proposals.

The Pacific Mail's ocean greyhound China was sighted at 1:20 this afternoon. She entered port as we go to press.

The Governor has appointed D. L. Kalawaia as a member of the Kaula Registration Board, vice John Gandall, resigned.

Kentucky's famous Jesse M. R. Whiskey, unequalled for its purity and excellence. On sale at any of the saloons and at Lovejoy & Co distributing agents for the Hawaiian Islands.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. K. De Fries will give a big lusu Saturday evening, at their residence on Punchbowl street, below Queen, in honor of the coming of age of their eldest son.

The following were naturalized by Judge Estee yesterday: J C Abreu, M R Veira, A F Centiro, J S Nobriga, W T Raposo and M B Jardin, all of Portugal, John Sanberg of Sweden, and Wm Larsen of Denmark.

The R. M. steamer Aorangi is due on Saturday morning from Victoria and Vancouver. She will have a party of distinguished Australians on board, and may have a few hours later news than is brought by the China.

### Treasurer Wright Disappears.

William H. Wright, Treasurer of the Territory, disappeared yesterday leaving behind a shortage in his cash of \$17,949.91. It is claimed that he skipped out of the country by yesterday's Alameda. He eluded the police set to watch the steamer's departure.

It is said that the shortage is not in the Treasury Department proper, under charge of Henry C. Hapai, Registrar of Public Accounts, but it is in the Chinese fund which was specially deposited with the Treasurer. Nothing has been seen of him since leaving his home in the morning and he never put in an appearance at the Treasurer's office all day yesterday.

The claim is made that he voluntarily told Secretary Cooper of his shortage and that he would make restitution. His friends are somewhat surprised at the turn events have taken, which they hope will be disproven. Further developments are being anxiously awaited. Secretary Cooper is in charge of the Treasury Department by order of Governor Dole.

### Fire Awarded Decision.

Judge Gear yesterday rendered a decision granting the application for a writ of mandamus and compelling the Fire Claims Commissioners to amend the certificates of certain fire claimants. The parties bringing the suit were the London, Liverpool & Globe Insurance Co. and Sing Chan Co., but the decision involves many similar cases, and if sustained by the Supreme Court will add about \$150,000 to the total of fire awards.

All the claims of the insurance companies amounting to over \$77,000 were disallowed by the commission and also deducted from the claims made by the claimants. Some seem to think that double that amount will have to be taxed against the Territory, if the Supreme Court should decide against the findings arrived at by the Commission. It is doubtful whether the work of the Commission is open to criticism by the Courts.

## HOME RULES NOMINATE.

The Joint Convention Makes Choice for Senatorial Candidates.

At the assembling of the joint convention of the two electoral districts of this island held yesterday afternoon in Waverley Hall, and after much discussion for and against, the delegates settled down to real and earnest business and conclusions were reached late in the evening.

The men named were selected from among sixteen names, one, Damien, receiving only a nomination, none voting for him. The vote as recorded was as follows: J P Makainai, 67; Edgar Cayless, 55; Charles Notley, 41; Joseph Aea, 23; John D Holt, 20; William Mosseman, 10; C B Maile, 6; H Kauahilo, 4; J P Kahahawai, 3; T C Polikapa, 2; J K Paele, 2; D Kawanauakoa, J A Long, H B Keliheenalua and John A Baker, one each.

The result was declared after 6:30 o'clock and was received amidst cheers. Speeches were then demanded from the fortunate ones, Makainai leading by thanking the delegates for the honor conferred and the trust reposed in him. He was followed by Notley who spoke of his earnest desire for city and county governments. Cayless was the last speaker who roundly scored the local Republican party.

On motion, the selection was made unanimous. And further, on motion, a vote of thanks was tendered Col. C. J. McCarthy for the use of the hall. He was later called on for a speech. He thanked them all for the vote or thanks just passed, and started in with a mild roast, no names being mentioned, upon the failure of fusion and other matters in general.

### DISTRICT CONVENTIONS NOMINATE.

The candidates adjourned after 7 o'clock to meet again this morning at the headquarters. The delegates met this morning, the two districts holding separate conventions, the fifth district upstairs and the fourth down. Voting was by ballot and the result known about 1 o'clock. Following is the result:

Fourth District—Jos Aea, 32; L K Kentwell, 31; J D Holt Jr, 27; Col C J McCarthy, 24; D M Kaona, 34; J Nauha, 21; S K Kamakais, 14; D Notley, 12; L W P Kanealii, 12; Lapana, 4; W H Kapu, 3; P Haila, 2, and J P Hias, 1.

Fifth District—Rep Wm Mosseman, 43; Ng Monwar, 37; D M Kupibes, 34; R-v S K Oli, 3; N K Kou, 29; Damiano, 24; J K Paele, 22; Asa Kaula, 8; Wm Ringer, 7; J A Baker, 5; J K Prendergast, 6; S K Mahoe, 5; J M Kealohe, 4; Geo K Kaia and H C Vida, 3 each; W K Kaleihua and B Kanihala, 2 each; H B Keliheenalua, D W Kamaliikane and D A, 1 each, and nothing each for H Kauahilo, A K Williams, M K Nakuina and S Pua.

In each district the six names ahead were duly declared as being nominated.

It is understood that Rep Wm Mosseman, who has received the highest vote in his district, will decline the nomination on account of having a Chinaman on the ticket. And Col McCarthy is also understood to have declined his nomination in the fourth district. Much feeling is being expressed over the nominations made today.

### To Dredge Pearl Harbor Bar.

Cotton Bros will commence the work of dredging out the bar which closes the entrance to Pearl Harbor at once. Yesterday tugs were at work towing down dredging machinery, Almy's house boat, which is to be used for quarters for the men who will work on the dredgers, and other dredging equipment.

Members of the Senatorial Commission and party will be present at the opening dance of the season tomorrow evening out at the Moana Hotel.

## Jno. K. Sumner Not Insane.

Judge Robinson gave an opinion yesterday morning dismissing the suit of Maria S. Davis against John K. Sumner, and annulling the injunction previously granted by Judge Gear against the Oahu Railway & Land Co. A great deal of feeling has been engendered in this case, more especially in the claim put forward by Mr. Davis that her brother, who supports her, was insane and not a fit person to look after his own affairs. This is her second attempt.

The decision will have the effect of throwing the insanity charge out of court, and allowing the consummation of the sale of the Sumner property to the Oahu Railway. Incidentally it will give to the United States the complete title to Quarantine Island, an agreement to that effect having been completed some time ago.

Several grounds were given in the motion, but the Court has only considered one, the sixth, regarding to Sumner's competency. Many reputable and credible witnesses, by affidavits filed, who all say that he is sane and capable of transacting his own business, and the Court says these are not contradicted.

The Court gives the following conclusions in an opinion given yesterday:

"As the sanity and mental capacity of said John K. Sumner at the present time has been fully established for the purposes of this motion, it would be absurd to conclude that said John K. Sumner could not, upon being restored to capacity, if he had been previously judicially declared insane or incompetent (which is not the case at bar, as the former adjudication of incompetency was reversed on appeal) or upon his otherwise becoming sui juris, assume personal control of a suit or action commenced in his behalf or move in propria persona or by counsel of his own selection for its dismissal."

"It is therefore ordered that said motion to dismiss this suit be and the same is hereby granted and that the said bill of complaint and the above entitled suit be and the same are hereby dismissed, but without costs to either party, all parties to bear and pay their own costs."

### Democratic Meeting.

A fairly good meeting of the Democratic Club was held last night. The Chairman read the official result of the proposed fusion with the Home Rule and an expression of opinion was asked of those present. Col. McCarthy led off and was followed by Fred Terrill, C L Rhodes, Col Cornwell, F H Hayselden, Prince David, Charles Creighton, Eugene Lee and others. The consensus of opinion was to endorse Wilcox for delegate and two of the Senatorial candidates. It was finally decided to lay the decision over to a meeting next Monday night, in order to see who the Home Rule nominees would be for the House.


### Raided a Mountain Still.

Deputy Sheriff Chillingworth, accompanied by Officers Rinear and McDuffie and a Japanese special, rode over the Pali to Waimanalo night before last and made a successful raid on an okolehao still on the mountain side above Waimanalo. It was run by a Japanese hui and only one of them was caught and brought to town. Two bottles of genuine ti root okolehao, a half gunny-sack of macerated ti root, some of it already prepared for mash, were brought in as evidence.


### Fire Last Night.

A \$5000 fire occurred last night, about 10 o'clock, in the makai work shed of the Lucas Planing Mill. Considerable machinery was destroyed by this untimely conflagration, which was soon put out by the firemen when the water was turned on, which was late in coming.

The Board of Health did not meet yesterday afternoon.



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